

A motion was entered to close further debate on Reid (for Baucus/Reid) Amendment No. 2712 (listed above), and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Thursday, October 29, 2009, a vote on cloture will occur at 5 p.m., on Monday, November 2, 2009.

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A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at 4 p.m., on Monday, November 2, Senate resume consideration of the bill, and the time until 5 p.m., be equally divided and controlled between the two Leaders, or their designees; and that at 5 p.m., Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on Reid (for Baucus/Reid) Amendment No. 2712 (listed above).

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Conference Reports:

Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act Conference Report: By 72 yeas to 28 nays (Vote No. 331), Senate agreed to conference report to accompany H.R. 2996, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010.

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During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 60 yeas to 40 nays (Vote No. 330), Senate agreed to the motion to waive certain provisions of rule XXVIII of the Standing Rules of the Senate for consideration of the conference report.

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House Messages:

Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act: Senate concurred in the amendment of the House of Representatives to S. 1929, to provide for an additional temporary extension of programs under the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958.

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Cellphone Texting Injuries and Death Referral—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Committee on Environment and Public Works be discharged from further consideration of S. 1938, to establish a program to reduce injuries and deaths caused by cellphone use and texting while driving, and the bill then be referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

Regina M. Benjamin, of Alabama, to be Medical Director in the Regular Corps of the Public Health Service, subject to qualifications therefor as provided by law and regulations, and to be Surgeon General of the Public Health Service for a term of four years.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Frank Kendall III, of Virginia, to be Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics.

William M. Conley, of Wisconsin, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Wisconsin.

Brian Anthony Jackson, of Louisiana, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Louisiana.

James P. Lynch, of the District of Columbia, to be Director of the Bureau of Justice Statistics.

Suresh Kumar, of New Jersey, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Director General of the United States and Foreign Commercial Service.

2 Army nominations in the rank of general.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

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Nomination Withdrawn: Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nomination:

Frank Kendall III, of Virginia, to be Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology, which was sent to the Senate on August 5, 2009.

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—331)

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